

## REPORTS

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THE SELECTMEN,

TREASURER, AUDITOR,

— : AND : —

SCHOOL COMMITTEE,

— : OF THE : —

Town of Newport,

— : FOR THE : —

YEAR ENDING MAR. 1, 1885.

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# SELECT MEN'S REPORT.

## RECEIPTS.

1884.

Mar. 1.	Cash in Treasurer's hands,	\$1,591.44
May 16.	Taxes committed to M. S. Jackson for collection,	20,906.82
Sept. 22.	Cash from Sullivan Co. for support of paupers,	882.54
Feb. 10.	“ “ “ “	615.03
	“ “ for repairs on town house,	174.29

1885.

Jan'y.	Cash from State Treasurer,	Insurance tax,	15.00	
"	"	"	Railroad tax,	1,254.35
"	"	"	Savings Bank tax,	3,233.76
"	"	"	Literary Fund,	300.16
March.	Cash of S. D. Lewis, rent of club room to Mar. 1,		3.00	
	M. S. Jackson, rent of office,		30.00	
	L. W. Barton, " "		24.00	
	F. M. Chase, rent of Burke office,		19.00	
	Charles Young, rent of shop in 1882,		10.00	
	L. W. Barton, on note,		27.00	
	D. G. Chadwick, for grass,		15.00	
	State Treas., bounty on woodchucks,		95.60	
	S. S. Ingalls, for stone,		5.05	
	Town Clerk, for licenses,		18.00	
	E. M. Kempton, for fines,		45.00	
	Cash from highway taxes collected,		238.58	
	Interest on taxes collected,		37.48	
	Sugar River Lodge No. 55, for hall rent to July 1, 1884,		10.00	
	A. S. Wait, overdrawn orders,		3.12	
	C. H. Richardson, for rent of Chapel tenement,		36.00	
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			\$29,590.22	

## DISBURSEMENTS.

## MISCELLANEOUS BILLS.

Paid D. M. Currier, returning births and deaths,	\$10.00
T. B. & C. A. Sanborn,           “	18.75
W. W. Darling,                   “	1.00
Amanda Kempton,               “	.75
W. H. Perry, memorial day expense,	50.00
N. P. Gilmore, neck and pole for hearse,	9.50
Cyrus S. Thompson, labor on cemetery,	23.00
Henry F. Pike damage to horse,	10.00
M. S. Jackson, costs in Dame case,	14.28
Barton & Wheeler, printing,	22.05
Geo. E. Dame, damage on highway,	461.49
W. S. George, labor on cemetery,	20.00
James B. McGregor,           “	12.50
Geo. B. Lear, supervisor's bill,	114.00
Lear & Maxfield, iron work,	21.46
Lima J. Stearns, care of town clock,	3.25
Fannie J. Muzzey, sexton's bill,	55.00
Andrew J. Stevens, damage on highway,	150.00
M. L. Whittier, repairs on town building,	4.50
Geo. H. Woodbury, care of town clock,	19.25
H. P. Coffin, town clerk's salary,	77.60
Barton & Wheeler, printing,	18.25
Richards & Coffin, sundry bill,	3.02
Samuel H. Edes, water rent,	15.00
Jacob R. Hutchinson, lighting street lamps,	8.00
Wm. Nourse, sundry bill,	22.25
Lear & Maxfield, iron work,	3.70
M. S. Jackson, services as collector,	150.00
“                   “           police,	12.00
“                   costs in Wakefield case,	3.24
“                   water rent,	7.50
“                   notice of G. E. Dame,	1.12
“                   error in E. A. Paul's tax of 1883,	1.63
“                   lodging tramps,	24.00
Putnam George, painting,	5.00



## MISCELLANEOUS EXPENSES, CONTINUED.

Paid D. J. Mooney, Board of Education,	\$25.00
B. F. Haven, sexton bill,	39.75
"    police bill,	2.00
"    labor in cemetery,	5.00
Charles A. Puffer, sexton's bill,	13.50
E. M. Kempton, making affidavits,	3.00
S. G. Stowell and Son,	13.08
Charley Huntoon, lighting bridge,	15.00
Samuel Prescott, use of teams,	8.50
M. F. Knowlton, keeping tramps,	4.00
Barton & Wheeler, printing,	2.10
F. W. Lewis, town treasurer,	40.00
A. S. Wait, counsel fees,	84.32
Fred W. Cheney, printing,	3.25
D. G. Chadwick, selectmen's salary,	350.00
James Eastwood, Supt. School Com.,	75.00
L. W. Barton, attorney's fees,	51.00
E. C. Converse, stationery and school books,	32.07
Lear & Maxfield, watering trough,	3.00
C. H. Tarbell,       "	3.00
Charles S. Fletcher,   "	3.00
Estate of N. Smith,   "	3.00
Edward Wilkins,       "	3.00
Wm. M. Gilmore,       "	3.00
Geo. B. Lear, services as police,	12.00
D. G. Chadwick, overseer of the poor and moving paupers,	60.45
W. S. George, painting,	2.00
Extra services of board of selectmen,	60.00
Patrick O'Maley, watering trough,	3.00
D. G. Chadwick, sundry bill,	8.84
A & B, bounty on woodchucks,	94.60
Ira Colby, retainer,	5.00
M. S. Jackson, guarantee of tax book,	35.00
D. G. Chadwick, deficiency on town hall,	19.92
Taxes abated on M. S. Jackson's tax book,	53.68
Non resident highway taxes, worked,	5.50
Auditor's bill,	9.00
Total,	<hr/> \$2,526.65

## FIRE DEPARTMENT.

Paid J. R. Hutchinson, steward Hook and Ladder Co.,	\$2.50
J. R. Hutchinson, steward Engine Co. No. 2,	20.00
C. F. Pike, " " 1,	20.00
Clark & Latimer, labor on engine house,	20.95
S. Prescott, team hook and ladder service,	15.00
F. A. Rawson, shingles,	15.68
J. B. Cooper, chief engineer,	18.00
" for wood,	4.00
C. H. Watts, clerk,	12.00
" repairing engines,	3.45
" for wood,	52.65
Engine men,	357.64

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 \$541.87

## HIGHWAYS AND BRIDGES.

Paid Hilliard Rowell,	\$10.76
D. G. Chadwick,	22.00
G. F. Whitney,	9.50
E. D. Whipple,	10.03
S. A. Tenney,	20.05
Hiram Austin,	25.25
Simeon Whittier, —	3.50
W. K. Hurd,	19.85
John A. Marshall,	49.90
George W. Cutts,	2.70
Don C. Smith,	49.06
Geo. F. Dunham,	19.15
E. B. Pike,	16.09
Alex. Robinson,	6.00
Wm. Endicott,	20.80
John C. Barton,	2.59
O. H. Parker,	4.98
John H. Cutting, lumber,	140.81
David E. Carr,	35.64
W. S. Kempton,	26.25
Charles R. Jones,	17.34
Ira Huntoon,	3.45
George A. Gove,	44.97



## HIGHWAYS AND BRIDGES, COND.

Paid F. H. Reed, lumber,	\$36.19
H. W. Reed,	23.75
Ira F. Chandler, lumber,	27.55
Doddridge Paul,	4.00
Silas Wright,	6.15
Wm. Bascom,	21.22
George S. Pike,	7.37
Jesse Wilcox,	15.21
P. R. Gardner,	11.01
Granville Pollard, lumber,	13.67
Curtis Kelsey,	10.50
L. B. George,	9.89
G. H. Towle,	18.43
D. S. Bartlett,	28.00
Geo. M. Freeto,	34.96
Ezekiel Powers,	9.40
G. F. Livermore,	97.56
H. D. G. Sprague,	19.46
Byron Shattuck,	11.60
Samuel W. Allen, lumber,	13.58
W. O. Chapin,	20.25
D. G. Fowler, lumber,	15.20
O. A. Whipple,	9.14
Fred G. Haven,	7.18
Gilbert E. Jennings,	6.12
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	\$1,038.06
Highway taxes collected,	238.58
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Cost of highways,	\$799.48

## REPORT OF OVERSEERS POOR.

Paid for support of Edward Sweet's children,—	
Ellen Sweet,	\$40.00
J. Barnard,	107.36
D. G. Chadwick,	86
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	\$148.22
Otis F. Carr,—	
Paid Fairbanks & Son, bill of 1883,	3.46

## OVERSEER OF THE POOR, CON'D.

Paid State Industrial School,—		
For board of Fred G. Wilmarth,	\$58.50	
“ Lafayette Pike,	11.57	
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		\$70.07
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		\$221.75
Paid for support of County paupers,		\$1520.59
Received of Sullivan County for support of paupers,	\$1497.57	
Due from County,	23.02	
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		\$1520.59

D. G. CHADWICK, Overseer of Poor.

## SCHOOL MONEY.

Dist. No. 1, Silas M. Gee,	\$111.08
“ 3, Charles J. Smith,	183.46
“ 4, I. A. Reed,	147.65
“ 5, Geo. W. Tilton,	236.39
“ 6, Geo. S. Stone,	272.87
“ “ “ tax due 1877,	10.00
“ 7, Charles Shattuck,	179.00
“ 9, Reuben Johnson,	98.89
“ 10, John Johnson,	145.56
“ 11, Dexter Peabody,	112.62
“ 12, Charles R. Jones,	85.93
“ “ “ school house tax,	36.88
“ 13, Geo. W. Cutts,	104.56
“ 15, Doddridge Paul,	83.48
D. J. Mooney, for Union School Dist.,	2,637.14
Paid D. J. Mooney, extra tax,	100.00
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	\$4545.51

## DOG DAMAGE.

Paid Frank E. Barrett,	\$6.00
“ Curtis Muzzey,	2.00
“ Shepherd H. Cutting,	17.50
“ Levi Bennett,	10.00



## DOG DAMAGE, CONTINUED.

Paid Frank P. Smith,	\$3.50	
" John Johnson,	10.00	
" W. O. Chapin,	1.50	
" Frederick W. Aiken,	22.00	
	<hr/>	\$72.50
Total Dog Tax,		<hr/> \$136.00

## TOWN HALL REPORT.

## RECEIPTS.

March 7	Baptist Society,	\$5.00	
14	Newport Workers,	5.00	
19	Methodist Society,	4.00	
May 3	Lecture,	5.00	
June 5	Lecture,	4.00	
28	Strasbourg Clock Co.,	24.00	
Aug. 1	Baptist Society,	5.00	
7	Hanoverian Family,	18.00	
25	Musical Convention,	25.00	
Oct. 23	Catholic Fair,	15.00	
29	M. E. Society,	5.00	
Nov. 7	High School,	3.00	
Dec. 18	Course of Lectures,	18.00	
1	Henry Langley,	5.00	
12	G. A. R. Festival,	5.00	
19	Unitarian Society,	5.00	
Jan. 21	Comical Brown,	10.00	
23	Dancing party,	5.50	
30	High School,	5.00	
Feb. 1	Dancing party,	7.50	
1	William Reed for globe broken,	1.00	
11	Union Ball,	8.00	
		<hr/>	\$188.00
	Cash of Town Treasurer, to balance,		19.92
			<hr/> \$207.92

## TOWN HALL REPORT, CONTINUED.

## DISBURSEMENTS.

Paid Edmund Johnson, one cord wood,	\$4.00
Geo. S. Stone,       "       "	5.00
Geo. S. Pike, 2       "	8.00
F. P. Eastman, 3       "	12.00
James A. Stone, 2       "	8.00
Ira Huntoon, 3-4       "	2.50
C. H. Watts, 2       "	6.00
Charles E. Stubbs, 1       "	4.00
S. G. Stowell & Son, two hall lamps,	9.00
Richards & Coffin, sundries,	2.99
Mooney & Meserve, chairs,	3.75
I. W. Sargent, repairing furnace,	.60
Solon Lear, tea kettle,	.75
S. G. Stowell, oil, chimneys, lamp shades, &c.,	41.11
W. C. Heath, moving wood,	.30
D. G. Chadwick, services as agent,	10.00
J. R. Hutchinson, janitor's bill,	85.92
C. H. Whitney, sawing wood,	4.00
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	\$207.92

D. G. CHADWICK,

Agent Town Hall.

## RECAPITULATION.

Total Receipts,	\$29,590.22
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## EXPENDITURES.

Dog Damage,	\$72.50
Fire Department,	541.87
Town Paupers,	221.75
Highways,	1,038.06
County Paupers,	1,520.59
Schools and School Houses,	4,545.51
Miscellaneous,	2,526.65
State tax,	3,256.00
County tax,	3,496.41



Bonds and interest,	9,794.50
Cash in hands of Treasurer,	\$2,576.38

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\$29,590.22

D. GEORGE CHADWICK,	}	Selectmen of Newport.
A. J. GOULD,		
WM. H. PERRY,		

# TREASURER'S REPORT.

MARCH 7, 1885.

Cash in Treasury at date of last report,	\$1,661.69
“ received of Town Clerk for licenses,	18.00
“ “ E. M. Kempton for fines collected,	45.00
“ “ M. S. Jackson, Collector,	20,906.82
“ “ “ Int. on taxes,	37.48
“ “ State Treasurer, Savings Bank tax,	3,233.76
“ “ State Treasurer, Railroad tax,	1,254.35
“ “ “ “ Insurance Co. tax,	15.00
“ “ State Treasurer, Literary Fund,	300.16
“ “ from County for support of paupers,	1,497.57
Cash received from County for repairs on Court House,	174.29
“ “ of Selectmen for rents collected,	132.00
“ “ “ “ note “	27.00
“ “ “ “ grass and hay sold,	15.00
“ “ “ “ highway taxes collected,	238.58
“ “ “ “ stone sold,	5.05
“ “ “ “ bounties collected,	95.60
“ “ “ “ overdrawn order,	3.12
	<hr/> \$29,660.47
Cash paid, State tax,	3,256.00
County tax,	3,496.41
Interest and bonds redeemed,	9,794.50
Schools and school-houses,	4,545.51
Damages by dogs,	53.00
Abatement of taxes,	53.68
Miscellaneous orders of Selectmen,	5,856.24
Cash on hand,	2,605.13
	<hr/> \$29,660.47



## TREASURER'S REPORT, CON'D.

## STATEMENT.

Six per cent. bonds outstanding,	\$93,500.00	
Five " " "	13,700.00	
Interest on same to Mar. 1, 1885,	999.17	
Interest coupons due, outstanding,	219.00	
Selectmen's orders outstanding,	28.75	
Total,		\$108,446.92
Cash in Treasury,	2,605.13	
Notes in Treasury, considered good,	553.48	
		3,158.61
Net indebtedness of the town,		\$105,288.31
Debt March 1, 1884,	\$109,294.91	
" " 1885,	105,288.31	
Reduction for the year,	\$4,006.60	

F. W. LEWIS, Treasurer.

## AUDITOR'S REPORT.

The undersigned auditors of the town of Newport, report that they have carefully examined the accounts of the Selectmen and Treasurer of said town for the year ending March, 1885, and find the same correctly cast and properly vouched.

SAMUEL H. EDES,	}	Auditors.
GEO. E. DAME,		
SHEPHERD H. CUTTING,		

Newport, March 1885.

# SCHOOL REPORT,

FOR THE YEAR ENDING MAR. 10, '85, EXCLUSIVE OF UNION  
DISTRICT.

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## DISTRICT NO. 1.

The school year consisted of 23.8 weeks, in three terms, all taught by Catherine B. Long. The first term, 8.4 weeks, began April 28th; the second, 5 weeks, Sept. 8th; the third, 10.4 weeks, Nov. 3d.

The whole number of different pupils attending this school was 14,—boys 8, girls 6, of whom 9 were between 5 and 15 years of age, and 5 over 15.

Fourteen pupils studied reading, 14 spelling, 11 penmanship, 13 arithmetic, 7 geography, 8 grammar, 6 history.

Teacher's salary per month, \$16.60.

Silas M. Gee, prudential committee.

## DISTRICT NO. 3.

School year, 23.5 weeks, in three terms. The first term, 8.9 weeks, began April 28th, Lizzie M. Waterman, teacher. The second term, 4.8 weeks, began Sept. 8th, Elmer H. Cutts, teacher. The third term, 9.8 weeks, taught by George H. Currier, began Nov. 17th.

Different pupils attending this school, 23,—boys 15, girls 8, of whom 17 were between 5 and 15, and 6 over 15.

Twenty-two pupils studied reading, 23 spelling, 16 penmanship, 21 arith., 13 geog., 5 gram., 8 history, 4 physiology, 2 book-keeping.

Teacher's salary per month, first term, \$20; second term, \$24; third term, \$33.

Charles Smith, prudential committee.



## DISTRICT NO. 4.

School year, 30 weeks, in three teams. The first term, 8 weeks, taught by Grace M. Cutting, began May 5th. The second term, 10 weeks, Lizzie M. Waterman, teacher, began Sept. 1st. The third term, 12 weeks, the same teacher, began Dec. 1st.

Whole number of pupils in this school, 11,—boys 6, girls 5. Between 5 and 15, ten, under 5, one.

Eleven scholars studied reading, 11 spelling, 11 penmanship, 9 arith., 9 geog., 3 gram., 3 history, 3 composition, 4 physiology, 2 algebra.

Teacher's salary per month, first term, \$16, 2d term, \$18; 3d term, \$20.

Isaac A. Reed, prudential committee.

## DISTRICT NO. 5.

School year, 32 weeks. Three terms, all taught by Abbie R. Cutting. The first term, 8 weeks, began May 5th; the second, 12 weeks, Sept. 7th; the third term, 12 weeks, Dec. 1st.

Whole number of different pupils, 37,—boys 17, girls 20. Between 5 and 15, thirty-five; over 15, two.

Thirty-seven pupils studied reading, 37 spelling, 30 penmanship, 23 arith., 12 geog., 5 gram., 8 history, 16 composition, 6 physiology, 1 book-keeping.

Teacher's salary per month, 1st term, \$22; 2d term, \$26; 3d term, \$28.

George Tilton, prudential committee.

## DISTRICT NO. 6.

School year, 30 weeks; three terms. The first, 8 weeks, taught by Grace A. Sargent, began May 5th; the 2d, 10 weeks, same teacher, began Sept. 8th; the 3d, 12 weeks, Mrs. Ada M. Walker, teacher, began Dec. 8th.

Different scholars, 47,—boys 17, girls 30. Between 5 and 15, 40; over 15, seven.

Forty-seven studied reading, 47 spelling, 47 penmanship, 40 arith., 22 geog., 15 grammar, 5 history, 25 composition, 12 physiology, 3 algebra, 5 natural history.

Teacher's salary per month, 1st term, \$28; 2d term, \$28; 3d term, \$30.

George S. Stone, prudential committee.

## DISTRICT. NO. 7.

School year, 28.6 weeks; three terms. The first, 9.6 weeks, taught by Estie M. Cutting, began May 6th. The 2d term, 9 wks., taught by Emma F. Parker, began Sept. 15th. The 3d, 10 weeks, same teacher, began Dec. 8th.

Number of different pupils, 28,—boys 6, girls 22. Between 5 and 15, twenty; over 15, seven; under 5, one.

Twenty-five studied reading, 25 spelling, 24 penmanship, 25 arith., 4 geography, 12 gram., 6 history, 8 composition, 8 physiology, 2 algebra, 3 philosophy.

It may be observed that 6 pupils from Goshen attended this school a part of the second term, and two from other districts the third term, making it appear larger than it is. Fourteen pupils attended the first term, and 11 the third term.

Teacher's salary per month, first term, \$16; second term, \$18; third term, \$24.

Charles Shattuck, prudential committee.

## DISTRICT NO. 9.

School year, 21.6 weeks, in two terms, both taught by Mary E. Wylie. The first term, 7.8 weeks, began May 5th; the 2d, 13.8 weeks, Sept. 22d.

Different scholars, 19,—boys 9, girls 10, all of whom were between 5 and 15.

Nineteen pupils studied reading, 19 spelling, 16 penmanship, 14 arith, 10 geog., 4 gram., 3 read history, 14 composition, physiology read to all.

Teacher's salary per month, 1st term, \$16; 2d term, \$20.

Reuben Johnson, prudential committee.

## DISTRICT NO. 10.

School year, 22 weeks, in two terms. First, 12 weeks, began May 5th, Ada A. Johnson, teacher. Second, 10 weeks, began Nov. 10, Chas. J. Emerson, teacher.

Different scholars, 20,—boys 11, girls 9. Fourteen between 5 and 15; over fifteen, six; non attendants, 1.

Twenty-three pupils studied reading, 23 spelling, 12 penmanship, 18 arithmetic, 11 geography, 4 grammar, 1 physiology, 1 book-keeping, 1 algebra.

Teacher's salary, per month, 1st term, \$17; 2d term, \$36

John Johnson, prud. com.

## DISTRICT NO. 11.

School year, 21 wks; two terms. First, 9 weeks, taught by Mary Beck, began May 5th; the second, 12 weeks, taught by Sadie J. H. Cutting, began Dec. 1.

Different pupils, 10,—boys 7, girls 3. Between 5 and 15, seven; over 15, two; under 5, one. Ten studied reading, 10 spelling, 8 penmanship, 8 arithmetic, 6 geography, 2 grammar, 4 history. 2 physiology.

Teacher's salary per month, 1st term, \$13.50; 2d term, \$20.

Dexter Peabody, prud. com.

## DISTRICT NO. 12.

School year, 18 weeks, in two terms, both taught by Julia A. Herrick. First term, 8 weeks, began May 12th; 2d, ten weeks, began Sept. 29th.

Different pupils, 10,—boys, 4, girls 6. Between 5 and 15, eight; over 15, one; under 5, one.

Ten scholars studied reading, 10 spelling, 8 penmanship, 6 arithmetic, 5 geography, 1 grammar, 1 history, 1 composition.

Teacher's salary per month, \$18.00.

Chas. R. Jones, prud. com.

## DISTRICT NO. 13.

School year, 24.8 weeks, in two terms, both taught by Mrs. Alice B. Carr. First term, 8 weeks, began May 12th; second, 16.8 weeks, began Sept. 15th.

Different scholars, 8,—boys, 6 girls, 2. Between 5 and 15, seven; over 15, one.

Eight pupils studied reading, 8 spelling, 6 penmanship, 6 arithmetic, 4 geography, 1 physiology, 1 chemistry.

Teacher's salary per month, 1st term, \$15; 2d, \$18.

Geo. Cutts, prud. com.

## DIST. NO. 15.

School year, 21 weeks, in two terms, both taught by Lovisa A. Paul. First term, 8 weeks, began May 15th; second, 13 weeks, began Oct. 6th. Different scholars, 12,—boys 7, girls, 5. Between 5 and 15, twelve.

Twelve studied reading, 12 spelling, 8 penmanship, 9 arithmetic, 9 geography, 1 grammar, 2 history, 4 physiology.

Teacher's salary per month, 1st term, \$15; 2d, \$19.

Doddridge Paul, prud. com.,



It will be seen that in six of the districts, Nos. 1, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, the school year consisted of three terms, each; in the six other districts, Nos. 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 15, of two terms each, an aggregate of thirty terms during the year.

In these schools 19 different teachers have been employed,—three males and sixteen females. Of these only two were without previous experience in the profession. All of them were qualified for and faithful in their work, and under their instruction the schools have made for the most part marked progress. In only one instance has your committee had to interfere in the discipline of a school, and this, in his opinion was due to other causes than the incompetence of the teacher.

Of the 12 school houses under my inspection, five of them, those in districts No. 3, 4, 5, 6, 10, are in fairly good condition. To these perhaps may be added that in No. 12, Pike Hill, which has been improved during the year by reclapboarding and new windows, at a cost of some fifty dollars. The other six are small and poor in outward and inward appearance. The seats and desks in them are antiquated and uncomfortable. The plaster is often lacking on the walls and ceilings, and where repairing in this direction has been done the contrast between the color of the new and old is frequently striking.

It may not be expedient at present to rebuild these houses and introduce therein the modern improvements, but very much might be done in making them more pleasant, at a slight cost. The grounds about the buildings might be cleared of rubbish, trees and stones, and be graded by the voluntary efforts of the several prudential committees, aided by the friends of education in the districts. Two hours' application of the whitewash brush to the inside of the house once a year, or so, would add immensely to its beauty and attractiveness. This would prove healthful to the bodies and minds of the pupils and teachers.

There ought to be a Webster's or Worcester's Unabridged Dictionary, a globe, and a good map of New Hampshire in each of our schools. Under the statutes the Selectmen and Superintending School Committee are empowered to appropriate certain public moneys for these. But in their failure to act in this matter, I would suggest that the several districts each put into their respective schools for the use of the pupils thereof, at least, an unabridged dictionary.

Your committee has hardly found a privy connected with the

schools which was in a wholesome condition. They ought to be visited occasionally by the prudential committees of the several districts, or their agents, and in the winter cleared of snow and ice, and in the summer deodorized by a free use of dry sand or earth. The seats should be placed at an angle at least of thirty degrees. In these days, when so much is said about sanitation, there is no excuse for neglect in this matter.

By act of the last legislature the study of Physiology and Hygiene, with special reference to the effects of alcoholic stimulants and narcotics upon the human system, is required in all schools in the state sufficiently advanced to be profited thereby. Believing in the wisdom of this law, I have done what I could to give it effect in the schools under my care. Steele's Hygienic Physiology abridged, was selected as a text-book. Forty-two in the different schools have studied this in classes; and when this was not done, it was read by the teachers to all their scholars. In this way the subject has been brought before a large share of the pupils in our schools.

If this work shall be continued, at least one of the beneficial results at which the law aims—an intelligent temperance sentiment in the community—will ere long be realized.

#### SUMMARY.

Whole number of pupils attending school:

Boys,	113
Girls,	120

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233

Number of pupils over 5,	230
“ “ under 5,	3

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233

Number of children who have not attended school between 5 and 15,

5

Number of teachers employed,—

Male,	3
Female,	16

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19

Terms taught by males,	3
“ “ females,	27

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30

Length of school in all the districts in weeks, 297.3

Amount of teachers' salaries,—

Male, \$ 199.65

Female, 1,371.99

\$1,571.64

Number of children in town of Newport between  
5 and 15 returned by Selectmen,—

Boys, 251

Girls, 237

488

Twelve less pupils were reported in the schools this year than last, while the schools have increased this year over those of last in length,—in terms three, and in weeks twenty-eight.

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